

1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 WHEREAS, The General Assembly finds and declares the
3 following:

4 (a) Illinois has over one million deaf and hard of
5 hearing residents;

6 (b) American Sign Language (ASL) is a fully-developed,
7 visual-gestural language with distinct grammar, syntax,
8 and symbols and is one of hundreds of signed languages in
9 the world;

10 (c) The American deaf community is a group of citizens
11 who are members of a unique culture who share ASL as their
12 common language; and

13 (d) High school graduation requirements under Section
14 27-22 of the School Code require students to take one year
15 of music, art, vocational education, or a foreign language,
16 which includes ASL; and

17 WHEREAS, The General Assembly hereby also declares the
18 purpose and intent of this amendatory Act to be as follows:

19 (a) To recognize ASL as the language of the American
20 deaf community; and

21 (b) To authorize and encourage public and independent
22 schools, including post-secondary schools, to offer ASL as
23 a course of study and to accept ASL credits as
24 foreign-language credits; therefore

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
2 **represented in the General Assembly:**

3 Section 5. The School Code is amended by adding Sections
4 10-20.46 and 34-18.37 as follows:

5 (105 ILCS 5/10-20.46 new)

6 Sec. 10-20.46. American Sign Language courses. School
7 boards are encouraged to implement American Sign Language
8 courses into school foreign language curriculum.
9 Notwithstanding any other rulemaking authority that may exist,
10 neither the Governor nor any agency or agency head under the
11 jurisdiction of the Governor has any authority to make or
12 promulgate rules to implement or enforce the provisions of this
13 amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly. If, however, the
14 Governor believes that rules are necessary to implement or
15 enforce the provisions of this amendatory Act of the 95th
16 General Assembly, the Governor may suggest rules to the General
17 Assembly by filing them with the Clerk of the House and the
18 Secretary of the Senate and by requesting that the General
19 Assembly authorize such rulemaking by law, enact those
20 suggested rules into law, or take any other appropriate action
21 in the General Assembly's discretion. Nothing contained in this
22 amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly shall be
23 interpreted to grant rulemaking authority under any other
24 Illinois statute where such authority is not otherwise

1 explicitly given. For the purposes of this amendatory Act of
2 the 95th General Assembly, "rules" is given the meaning
3 contained in Section 1-70 of the Illinois Administrative
4 Procedure Act, and "agency" and "agency head" are given the
5 meanings contained in Sections 1-20 and 1-25 of the Illinois
6 Administrative Procedure Act to the extent that such
7 definitions apply to agencies or agency heads under the
8 jurisdiction of the Governor.

9 (105 ILCS 5/34-18.37 new)

10 Sec. 34-18.37. American Sign Language courses. The school
11 board is encouraged to implement American Sign Language courses
12 into school foreign language curriculum. Notwithstanding any
13 other rulemaking authority that may exist, neither the Governor
14 nor any agency or agency head under the jurisdiction of the
15 Governor has any authority to make or promulgate rules to
16 implement or enforce the provisions of this amendatory Act of
17 the 95th General Assembly. If, however, the Governor believes
18 that rules are necessary to implement or enforce the provisions
19 of this amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly, the
20 Governor may suggest rules to the General Assembly by filing
21 them with the Clerk of the House and the Secretary of the
22 Senate and by requesting that the General Assembly authorize
23 such rulemaking by law, enact those suggested rules into law,
24 or take any other appropriate action in the General Assembly's
25 discretion. Nothing contained in this amendatory Act of the

1 95th General Assembly shall be interpreted to grant rulemaking
2 authority under any other Illinois statute where such authority
3 is not otherwise explicitly given. For the purposes of this
4 amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly, "rules" is given
5 the meaning contained in Section 1-70 of the Illinois
6 Administrative Procedure Act, and "agency" and "agency head"
7 are given the meanings contained in Sections 1-20 and 1-25 of
8 the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act to the extent that
9 such definitions apply to agencies or agency heads under the
10 jurisdiction of the Governor.

11 Section 10. The University of Illinois Act is amended by
12 changing Section 8 and by adding Section 40 as follows:

13 (110 ILCS 305/8) (from Ch. 144, par. 29)

14 Sec. 8. Admissions.

15 (a) No student shall be admitted to instruction in any of
16 the departments of the University who shall not have attained
17 to the age of fifteen (15) years, and who shall not previously
18 undergo a satisfactory examination in each of the branches
19 ordinarily taught in the common schools of the state.

20 (b) In addition, commencing in the fall of 1993, no new
21 student shall then or thereafter be admitted to instruction in
22 any of the departments or colleges of the University unless
23 such student also has satisfactorily completed:

24 (1) at least 15 units of high school coursework from

1 the following 5 categories:

2 (A) 4 years of English (emphasizing written and
3 oral communications and literature), of which up to 2
4 years may be collegiate level instruction;

5 (B) 3 years of social studies (emphasizing history
6 and government);

7 (C) 3 years of mathematics (introductory through
8 advanced algebra, geometry, trigonometry, or
9 fundamentals of computer programming);

10 (D) 3 years of science (laboratory sciences); and

11 (E) 2 years of electives in foreign language, which
12 shall be deemed to include American Sign Language,
13 music, vocational education or art;

14 (2) except that institutions may admit individual
15 applicants if the institution determines through
16 assessment or through evaluation based on learning
17 outcomes of the coursework taken, including vocational
18 education courses and courses taken in a charter school
19 established under Article 27A of the School Code, that the
20 applicant demonstrates knowledge and skills substantially
21 equivalent to the knowledge and skills expected to be
22 acquired in the high school courses required for admission.
23 The Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois shall
24 not discriminate in the University's admissions process
25 against an applicant for admission because of the
26 applicant's enrollment in a charter school established

1 under Article 27A of the School Code. Institutions may also
2 admit 1) applicants who did not have an opportunity to
3 complete the minimum college preparatory curriculum in
4 high school, and 2) educationally disadvantaged applicants
5 who are admitted to the formal organized special assistance
6 programs that are tailored to the needs of such students,
7 providing that in either case, the institution
8 incorporates in the applicant's baccalaureate curriculum
9 courses or other academic activities that compensate for
10 course deficiencies; and

11 (3) except that up to 3 of the 15 units of coursework
12 required by paragraph (1) of this subsection may be
13 distributed by deducting no more than one unit each from
14 the categories of social studies, mathematics, sciences
15 and electives and completing those 3 units in any of the 5
16 categories of coursework described in paragraph (1).

17 Notwithstanding any other rulemaking authority that may
18 exist, neither the Governor or University nor any agency or
19 agency head under the jurisdiction of the Governor has any
20 authority to make or promulgate rules to implement or enforce
21 the provisions of this amendatory Act of the 95th General
22 Assembly. If, however, the Governor or University believes that
23 rules are necessary to implement or enforce the provisions of
24 this amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly, the Governor
25 or University may suggest rules to the General Assembly by
26 filing them with the Clerk of the House and the Secretary of

1 the Senate and by requesting that the General Assembly
2 authorize such rulemaking by law, enact those suggested rules
3 into law, or take any other appropriate action in the General
4 Assembly's discretion. Nothing contained in this amendatory
5 Act of the 95th General Assembly shall be interpreted to grant
6 rulemaking authority under any other Illinois statute where
7 such authority is not otherwise explicitly given. For the
8 purposes of this amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly,
9 "rules" is given the meaning contained in Section 1-70 of the
10 Illinois Administrative Procedure Act, and "agency" and
11 "agency head" are given the meanings contained in Sections 1-20
12 and 1-25 of the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act to the
13 extent that such definitions apply to agencies or agency heads
14 under the jurisdiction of the Governor.

15 (c) When allocating funds, local boards of education shall
16 recognize their obligation to their students to offer the
17 coursework required by subsection (b).

18 (d) A student who has graduated from high school and has
19 scored within the University's accepted range on the ACT or SAT
20 shall not be required to take the high school level General
21 Educational Development (GED) Test as a prerequisite to
22 admission.

23 (Source: P.A. 91-374, eff. 7-30-99.)

24 (110 ILCS 305/40 new)

25 Sec. 40. American Sign Language courses. The University

1 shall award academic credit for the successful completion of
2 any American Sign Language course offered or approved by the
3 University, which may be applied toward the satisfaction of the
4 foreign language requirements of the University, except for
5 those requirements related to the content of a student's
6 academic major. Notwithstanding any other rulemaking authority
7 that may exist, neither the Governor or University nor any
8 agency or agency head under the jurisdiction of the Governor
9 has any authority to make or promulgate rules to implement or
10 enforce the provisions of this amendatory Act of the 95th
11 General Assembly. If, however, the Governor or University
12 believes that rules are necessary to implement or enforce the
13 provisions of this amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly,
14 the Governor or University may suggest rules to the General
15 Assembly by filing them with the Clerk of the House and the
16 Secretary of the Senate and by requesting that the General
17 Assembly authorize such rulemaking by law, enact those
18 suggested rules into law, or take any other appropriate action
19 in the General Assembly's discretion. Nothing contained in this
20 amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly shall be
21 interpreted to grant rulemaking authority under any other
22 Illinois statute where such authority is not otherwise
23 explicitly given. For the purposes of this amendatory Act of
24 the 95th General Assembly, "rules" is given the meaning
25 contained in Section 1-70 of the Illinois Administrative
26 Procedure Act, and "agency" and "agency head" are given the

1 meanings contained in Sections 1-20 and 1-25 of the Illinois
2 Administrative Procedure Act to the extent that such
3 definitions apply to agencies or agency heads under the
4 jurisdiction of the Governor.

5 Section 15. The Southern Illinois University Management
6 Act is amended by changing Section 8e and by adding Section 25
7 as follows:

8 (110 ILCS 520/8e) (from Ch. 144, par. 658e)

9 Sec. 8e. Admissions.

10 (a) Commencing in the fall of 1993, no new student shall
11 then or thereafter be admitted to instruction in any of the
12 departments or colleges of the University unless such student
13 also has satisfactorily completed:

14 (1) at least 15 units of high school coursework from
15 the following 5 categories:

16 (A) 4 years of English (emphasizing written and
17 oral communications and literature), of which up to 2
18 years may be collegiate level instruction;

19 (B) 3 years of social studies (emphasizing history
20 and government);

21 (C) 3 years of mathematics (introductory through
22 advanced algebra, geometry, trigonometry, or
23 fundamentals of computer programming);

24 (D) 3 years of science (laboratory sciences); and

1 (E) 2 years of electives in foreign language, which
2 shall be deemed to include American Sign Language,
3 music, vocational education or art;

4 (2) except that institutions may admit individual
5 applicants if the institution determines through
6 assessment or through evaluation based on learning
7 outcomes of the coursework taken, including vocational
8 education courses and courses taken in a charter school
9 established under Article 27A of the School Code, that the
10 applicant demonstrates knowledge and skills substantially
11 equivalent to the knowledge and skills expected to be
12 acquired in the high school courses required for admission.
13 The Board of Trustees of Southern Illinois University shall
14 not discriminate in the University's admissions process
15 against an applicant for admission because of the
16 applicant's enrollment in a charter school established
17 under Article 27A of the School Code. Institutions may also
18 admit 1) applicants who did not have an opportunity to
19 complete the minimum college preparatory curriculum in
20 high school, and 2) educationally disadvantaged applicants
21 who are admitted to the formal organized special assistance
22 programs that are tailored to the needs of such students,
23 providing that in either case, the institution
24 incorporates in the applicant's baccalaureate curriculum
25 courses or other academic activities that compensate for
26 course deficiencies; and

1 (3) except that up to 3 of 15 units of coursework
2 required by paragraph (1) of this subsection may be
3 distributed by deducting no more than one unit each from
4 the categories of social studies, mathematics, sciences
5 and electives and completing those 3 units in any of the 5
6 categories of coursework described in paragraph (1).

7 Notwithstanding any other rulemaking authority that may
8 exist, neither the Governor or University nor any agency or
9 agency head under the jurisdiction of the Governor has any
10 authority to make or promulgate rules to implement or enforce
11 the provisions of this amendatory Act of the 95th General
12 Assembly. If, however, the Governor or University believes that
13 rules are necessary to implement or enforce the provisions of
14 this amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly, the Governor
15 or University may suggest rules to the General Assembly by
16 filing them with the Clerk of the House and the Secretary of
17 the Senate and by requesting that the General Assembly
18 authorize such rulemaking by law, enact those suggested rules
19 into law, or take any other appropriate action in the General
20 Assembly's discretion. Nothing contained in this amendatory
21 Act of the 95th General Assembly shall be interpreted to grant
22 rulemaking authority under any other Illinois statute where
23 such authority is not otherwise explicitly given. For the
24 purposes of this amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly,
25 "rules" is given the meaning contained in Section 1-70 of the
26 Illinois Administrative Procedure Act, and "agency" and

1 "agency head" are given the meanings contained in Sections 1-20
2 and 1-25 of the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act to the
3 extent that such definitions apply to agencies or agency heads
4 under the jurisdiction of the Governor.

5 (b) When allocating funds, local boards of education shall
6 recognize their obligation to their students to offer the
7 coursework required by subsection (a).

8 (c) A student who has graduated from high school and has
9 scored within the University's accepted range on the ACT or SAT
10 shall not be required to take the high school level General
11 Educational Development (GED) Test as a prerequisite to
12 admission.

13 (Source: P.A. 91-374, eff. 7-30-99.)

14 (110 ILCS 520/25 new)

15 Sec. 25. American Sign Language courses. The University
16 shall award academic credit for the successful completion of
17 any American Sign Language course offered or approved by the
18 University, which may be applied toward the satisfaction of the
19 foreign language requirements of the University, except for
20 those requirements related to the content of a student's
21 academic major. Notwithstanding any other rulemaking authority
22 that may exist, neither the Governor or University nor any
23 agency or agency head under the jurisdiction of the Governor
24 has any authority to make or promulgate rules to implement or
25 enforce the provisions of this amendatory Act of the 95th

1 General Assembly. If, however, the Governor or University
2 believes that rules are necessary to implement or enforce the
3 provisions of this amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly,
4 the Governor or University may suggest rules to the General
5 Assembly by filing them with the Clerk of the House and the
6 Secretary of the Senate and by requesting that the General
7 Assembly authorize such rulemaking by law, enact those
8 suggested rules into law, or take any other appropriate action
9 in the General Assembly's discretion. Nothing contained in this
10 amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly shall be
11 interpreted to grant rulemaking authority under any other
12 Illinois statute where such authority is not otherwise
13 explicitly given. For the purposes of this amendatory Act of
14 the 95th General Assembly, "rules" is given the meaning
15 contained in Section 1-70 of the Illinois Administrative
16 Procedure Act, and "agency" and "agency head" are given the
17 meanings contained in Sections 1-20 and 1-25 of the Illinois
18 Administrative Procedure Act to the extent that such
19 definitions apply to agencies or agency heads under the
20 jurisdiction of the Governor.

21 Section 20. The Chicago State University Law is amended by
22 changing Section 5-85 and by adding Section 5-135 as follows:

23 (110 ILCS 660/5-85)

24 Sec. 5-85. Admission requirements.

1 (a) No new student shall be admitted to instruction in any
2 of the departments or colleges of the Chicago State University
3 unless such student also has satisfactorily completed:

4 (1) at least 15 units of high school coursework from
5 the following 5 categories:

6 (A) 4 years of English (emphasizing written and
7 oral communications and literature), of which up to 2
8 years may be collegiate level instruction;

9 (B) 3 years of social studies (emphasizing history
10 and government);

11 (C) 3 years of mathematics (introductory through
12 advanced algebra, geometry, trigonometry, or
13 fundamentals of computer programming);

14 (D) 3 years of science (laboratory sciences); and

15 (E) 2 years of electives in foreign language, which
16 shall be deemed to include American Sign Language,
17 music, vocational education or art;

18 (2) except that Chicago State University may admit
19 individual applicants if it determines through assessment
20 or through evaluation based on learning outcomes of the
21 coursework taken, including vocational education courses
22 and courses taken in a charter school established under
23 Article 27A of the School Code, that the applicant
24 demonstrates knowledge and skills substantially equivalent
25 to the knowledge and skills expected to be acquired in the
26 high school courses required for admission. The Board of

1 Trustees of Chicago State University shall not
2 discriminate in the University's admissions process
3 against an applicant for admission because of the
4 applicant's enrollment in a charter school established
5 under Article 27A of the School Code. Chicago State
6 University may also admit (i) applicants who did not have
7 an opportunity to complete the minimum college preparatory
8 curriculum in high school, and (ii) educationally
9 disadvantaged applicants who are admitted to the formal
10 organized special assistance programs that are tailored to
11 the needs of such students, providing that in either case,
12 the institution incorporates in the applicant's
13 baccalaureate curriculum courses or other academic
14 activities that compensate for course deficiencies; and

15 (3) except that up to 3 of 15 units of coursework
16 required by paragraph (1) of this subsection may be
17 distributed by deducting no more than one unit each from
18 the categories of social studies, mathematics, sciences
19 and electives and completing those 3 units in any of the 5
20 categories of coursework described in paragraph (1).

21 Notwithstanding any other rulemaking authority that may
22 exist, neither the Governor or University nor any agency or
23 agency head under the jurisdiction of the Governor has any
24 authority to make or promulgate rules to implement or enforce
25 the provisions of this amendatory Act of the 95th General
26 Assembly. If, however, the Governor or University believes that

1 rules are necessary to implement or enforce the provisions of
2 this amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly, the Governor
3 or University may suggest rules to the General Assembly by
4 filing them with the Clerk of the House and the Secretary of
5 the Senate and by requesting that the General Assembly
6 authorize such rulemaking by law, enact those suggested rules
7 into law, or take any other appropriate action in the General
8 Assembly's discretion. Nothing contained in this amendatory
9 Act of the 95th General Assembly shall be interpreted to grant
10 rulemaking authority under any other Illinois statute where
11 such authority is not otherwise explicitly given. For the
12 purposes of this amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly,
13 "rules" is given the meaning contained in Section 1-70 of the
14 Illinois Administrative Procedure Act, and "agency" and
15 "agency head" are given the meanings contained in Sections 1-20
16 and 1-25 of the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act to the
17 extent that such definitions apply to agencies or agency heads
18 under the jurisdiction of the Governor.

19 (b) When allocating funds, local boards of education shall
20 recognize their obligation to their students to offer the
21 coursework required by subsection (a).

22 (c) A student who has graduated from high school and has
23 scored within the University's accepted range on the ACT or SAT
24 shall not be required to take the high school level General
25 Educational Development (GED) Test as a prerequisite to
26 admission.

1 (Source: P.A. 91-374, eff. 7-30-99.)

2 (110 ILCS 660/5-135 new)

3 Sec. 5-135. American Sign Language courses. The University
4 shall award academic credit for the successful completion of
5 any American Sign Language course offered or approved by the
6 University, which may be applied toward the satisfaction of the
7 foreign language requirements of the University, except for
8 those requirements related to the content of a student's
9 academic major. Notwithstanding any other rulemaking authority
10 that may exist, neither the Governor or University nor any
11 agency or agency head under the jurisdiction of the Governor
12 has any authority to make or promulgate rules to implement or
13 enforce the provisions of this amendatory Act of the 95th
14 General Assembly. If, however, the Governor or University
15 believes that rules are necessary to implement or enforce the
16 provisions of this amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly,
17 the Governor or University may suggest rules to the General
18 Assembly by filing them with the Clerk of the House and the
19 Secretary of the Senate and by requesting that the General
20 Assembly authorize such rulemaking by law, enact those
21 suggested rules into law, or take any other appropriate action
22 in the General Assembly's discretion. Nothing contained in this
23 amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly shall be
24 interpreted to grant rulemaking authority under any other
25 Illinois statute where such authority is not otherwise

1 explicitly given. For the purposes of this amendatory Act of
2 the 95th General Assembly, "rules" is given the meaning
3 contained in Section 1-70 of the Illinois Administrative
4 Procedure Act, and "agency" and "agency head" are given the
5 meanings contained in Sections 1-20 and 1-25 of the Illinois
6 Administrative Procedure Act to the extent that such
7 definitions apply to agencies or agency heads under the
8 jurisdiction of the Governor.

9 Section 25. The Eastern Illinois University Law is amended
10 by changing Section 10-85 and by adding Section 10-135 as
11 follows:

12 (110 ILCS 665/10-85)

13 Sec. 10-85. Admission requirements.

14 (a) No new student shall be admitted to instruction in any
15 of the departments or colleges of the Eastern Illinois
16 University unless such student also has satisfactorily
17 completed:

18 (1) at least 15 units of high school coursework from
19 the following 5 categories:

20 (A) 4 years of English (emphasizing written and
21 oral communications and literature), of which up to 2
22 years may be collegiate level instruction;

23 (B) 3 years of social studies (emphasizing history
24 and government);

1 (C) 3 years of mathematics (introductory through
2 advanced algebra, geometry, trigonometry, or
3 fundamentals of computer programming);

4 (D) 3 years of science (laboratory sciences); and

5 (E) 2 years of electives in foreign language, which
6 shall be deemed to include American Sign Language,
7 music, vocational education or art;

8 (2) except that Eastern Illinois University may admit
9 individual applicants if it determines through assessment
10 or through evaluation based on learning outcomes of the
11 coursework taken, including vocational education courses
12 and courses taken in a charter school established under
13 Article 27A of the School Code, that the applicant
14 demonstrates knowledge and skills substantially equivalent
15 to the knowledge and skills expected to be acquired in the
16 high school courses required for admission. The Board of
17 Trustees of Eastern Illinois University shall not
18 discriminate in the University's admissions process
19 against an applicant for admission because of the
20 applicant's enrollment in a charter school established
21 under Article 27A of the School Code. Eastern Illinois
22 University may also admit (i) applicants who did not have
23 an opportunity to complete the minimum college preparatory
24 curriculum in high school, and (ii) educationally
25 disadvantaged applicants who are admitted to the formal
26 organized special assistance programs that are tailored to

1 the needs of such students, providing that in either case,
2 the institution incorporates in the applicant's
3 baccalaureate curriculum courses or other academic
4 activities that compensate for course deficiencies; and

5 (3) except that up to 3 of 15 units of coursework
6 required by paragraph (1) of this subsection may be
7 distributed by deducting no more than one unit each from
8 the categories of social studies, mathematics, sciences
9 and electives and completing those 3 units in any of the 5
10 categories of coursework described in paragraph (1).

11 Notwithstanding any other rulemaking authority that may
12 exist, neither the Governor or University nor any agency or
13 agency head under the jurisdiction of the Governor has any
14 authority to make or promulgate rules to implement or enforce
15 the provisions of this amendatory Act of the 95th General
16 Assembly. If, however, the Governor or University believes that
17 rules are necessary to implement or enforce the provisions of
18 this amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly, the Governor
19 or University may suggest rules to the General Assembly by
20 filing them with the Clerk of the House and the Secretary of
21 the Senate and by requesting that the General Assembly
22 authorize such rulemaking by law, enact those suggested rules
23 into law, or take any other appropriate action in the General
24 Assembly's discretion. Nothing contained in this amendatory
25 Act of the 95th General Assembly shall be interpreted to grant
26 rulemaking authority under any other Illinois statute where

1 such authority is not otherwise explicitly given. For the
2 purposes of this amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly,
3 "rules" is given the meaning contained in Section 1-70 of the
4 Illinois Administrative Procedure Act, and "agency" and
5 "agency head" are given the meanings contained in Sections 1-20
6 and 1-25 of the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act to the
7 extent that such definitions apply to agencies or agency heads
8 under the jurisdiction of the Governor.

9 (b) When allocating funds, local boards of education shall
10 recognize their obligation to their students to offer the
11 coursework required by subsection (a).

12 (c) A student who has graduated from high school and has
13 scored within the University's accepted range on the ACT or SAT
14 shall not be required to take the high school level General
15 Educational Development (GED) Test as a prerequisite to
16 admission.

17 (Source: P.A. 91-374, eff. 7-30-99.)

18 (110 ILCS 665/10-135 new)

19 Sec. 10-135. American Sign Language courses. The
20 University shall award academic credit for the successful
21 completion of any American Sign Language course offered or
22 approved by the University, which may be applied toward the
23 satisfaction of the foreign language requirements of the
24 University, except for those requirements related to the
25 content of a student's academic major. Notwithstanding any

1 other rulemaking authority that may exist, neither the Governor
2 or University nor any agency or agency head under the
3 jurisdiction of the Governor has any authority to make or
4 promulgate rules to implement or enforce the provisions of this
5 amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly. If, however, the
6 Governor or University believes that rules are necessary to
7 implement or enforce the provisions of this amendatory Act of
8 the 95th General Assembly, the Governor or University may
9 suggest rules to the General Assembly by filing them with the
10 Clerk of the House and the Secretary of the Senate and by
11 requesting that the General Assembly authorize such rulemaking
12 by law, enact those suggested rules into law, or take any other
13 appropriate action in the General Assembly's discretion.
14 Nothing contained in this amendatory Act of the 95th General
15 Assembly shall be interpreted to grant rulemaking authority
16 under any other Illinois statute where such authority is not
17 otherwise explicitly given. For the purposes of this amendatory
18 Act of the 95th General Assembly, "rules" is given the meaning
19 contained in Section 1-70 of the Illinois Administrative
20 Procedure Act, and "agency" and "agency head" are given the
21 meanings contained in Sections 1-20 and 1-25 of the Illinois
22 Administrative Procedure Act to the extent that such
23 definitions apply to agencies or agency heads under the
24 jurisdiction of the Governor.

25 Section 30. The Governors State University Law is amended

1 by changing Section 15-85 and by adding Section 15-135 as
2 follows:

3 (110 ILCS 670/15-85)

4 Sec. 15-85. Admission requirements.

5 (a) No new student shall be admitted to instruction in any
6 of the departments or colleges of the Governors State
7 University unless such student also has satisfactorily
8 completed:

9 (1) at least 15 units of high school coursework from
10 the following 5 categories:

11 (A) 4 years of English (emphasizing written and
12 oral communications and literature), of which up to 2
13 years may be collegiate level instruction;

14 (B) 3 years of social studies (emphasizing history
15 and government);

16 (C) 3 years of mathematics (introductory through
17 advanced algebra, geometry, trigonometry, or
18 fundamentals of computer programming);

19 (D) 3 years of science (laboratory sciences); and

20 (E) 2 years of electives in foreign language, which
21 shall be deemed to include American Sign Language,
22 music, vocational education or art;

23 (2) except that Governors State University may admit
24 individual applicants if it determines through assessment
25 or through evaluation based on learning outcomes of the

1 coursework taken, including vocational education courses
2 and courses taken in a charter school established under
3 Article 27A of the School Code, that the applicant
4 demonstrates knowledge and skills substantially equivalent
5 to the knowledge and skills expected to be acquired in the
6 high school courses required for admission. The Board of
7 Trustees of Governors State University shall not
8 discriminate in the University's admissions process
9 against an applicant for admission because of the
10 applicant's enrollment in a charter school established
11 under Article 27A of the School Code. Governors State
12 University may also admit (i) applicants who did not have
13 an opportunity to complete the minimum college preparatory
14 curriculum in high school, and (ii) educationally
15 disadvantaged applicants who are admitted to the formal
16 organized special assistance programs that are tailored to
17 the needs of such students, providing that in either case,
18 the institution incorporates in the applicant's
19 baccalaureate curriculum courses or other academic
20 activities that compensate for course deficiencies; and

21 (3) except that up to 3 of 15 units of coursework
22 required by paragraph (1) of this subsection may be
23 distributed by deducting no more than one unit each from
24 the categories of social studies, mathematics, sciences
25 and electives and completing those 3 units in any of the 5
26 categories of coursework described in paragraph (1).

1 Notwithstanding any other rulemaking authority that may
2 exist, neither the Governor or University nor any agency or
3 agency head under the jurisdiction of the Governor has any
4 authority to make or promulgate rules to implement or enforce
5 the provisions of this amendatory Act of the 95th General
6 Assembly. If, however, the Governor or University believes that
7 rules are necessary to implement or enforce the provisions of
8 this amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly, the Governor
9 or University may suggest rules to the General Assembly by
10 filing them with the Clerk of the House and the Secretary of
11 the Senate and by requesting that the General Assembly
12 authorize such rulemaking by law, enact those suggested rules
13 into law, or take any other appropriate action in the General
14 Assembly's discretion. Nothing contained in this amendatory
15 Act of the 95th General Assembly shall be interpreted to grant
16 rulemaking authority under any other Illinois statute where
17 such authority is not otherwise explicitly given. For the
18 purposes of this amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly,
19 "rules" is given the meaning contained in Section 1-70 of the
20 Illinois Administrative Procedure Act, and "agency" and
21 "agency head" are given the meanings contained in Sections 1-20
22 and 1-25 of the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act to the
23 extent that such definitions apply to agencies or agency heads
24 under the jurisdiction of the Governor.

25 (b) When allocating funds, local boards of education shall
26 recognize their obligation to their students to offer the

1 coursework required by subsection (a).

2 (c) A student who has graduated from high school and has
3 scored within the University's accepted range on the ACT or SAT
4 shall not be required to take the high school level General
5 Educational Development (GED) Test as a prerequisite to
6 admission.

7 (Source: P.A. 91-374, eff. 7-30-99.)

8 (110 ILCS 670/15-135 new)

9 Sec. 15-135. American Sign Language courses. The
10 University shall award academic credit for the successful
11 completion of any American Sign Language course offered or
12 approved by the University, which may be applied toward the
13 satisfaction of the foreign language requirements of the
14 University, except for those requirements related to the
15 content of a student's academic major. Notwithstanding any
16 other rulemaking authority that may exist, neither the Governor
17 or University nor any agency or agency head under the
18 jurisdiction of the Governor has any authority to make or
19 promulgate rules to implement or enforce the provisions of this
20 amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly. If, however, the
21 Governor or University believes that rules are necessary to
22 implement or enforce the provisions of this amendatory Act of
23 the 95th General Assembly, the Governor or University may
24 suggest rules to the General Assembly by filing them with the
25 Clerk of the House and the Secretary of the Senate and by

1 requesting that the General Assembly authorize such rulemaking
2 by law, enact those suggested rules into law, or take any other
3 appropriate action in the General Assembly's discretion.
4 Nothing contained in this amendatory Act of the 95th General
5 Assembly shall be interpreted to grant rulemaking authority
6 under any other Illinois statute where such authority is not
7 otherwise explicitly given. For the purposes of this amendatory
8 Act of the 95th General Assembly, "rules" is given the meaning
9 contained in Section 1-70 of the Illinois Administrative
10 Procedure Act, and "agency" and "agency head" are given the
11 meanings contained in Sections 1-20 and 1-25 of the Illinois
12 Administrative Procedure Act to the extent that such
13 definitions apply to agencies or agency heads under the
14 jurisdiction of the Governor.

15 Section 35. The Illinois State University Law is amended by
16 changing Section 20-85 and by adding Section 20-140 as follows:

17 (110 ILCS 675/20-85)

18 Sec. 20-85. Admission requirements.

19 (a) No new student shall be admitted to instruction in any
20 of the departments or colleges of the Illinois State University
21 unless such student also has satisfactorily completed:

22 (1) at least 15 units of high school coursework from
23 the following 5 categories:

24 (A) 4 years of English (emphasizing written and

1 oral communications and literature), of which up to 2
2 years may be collegiate level instruction;

3 (B) 3 years of social studies (emphasizing history
4 and government);

5 (C) 3 years of mathematics (introductory through
6 advanced algebra, geometry, trigonometry, or
7 fundamentals of computer programming);

8 (D) 3 years of science (laboratory sciences); and

9 (E) 2 years of electives in foreign language, which
10 shall be deemed to include American Sign Language,
11 music, vocational education or art;

12 (2) except that Illinois State University may admit
13 individual applicants if it determines through assessment
14 or through evaluation based on learning outcomes of the
15 coursework taken, including vocational education courses
16 and courses taken in a charter school established under
17 Article 27A of the School Code, that the applicant
18 demonstrates knowledge and skills substantially equivalent
19 to the knowledge and skills expected to be acquired in the
20 high school courses required for admission. The Board of
21 Trustees of Illinois State University shall not
22 discriminate in the University's admissions process
23 against an applicant for admission because of the
24 applicant's enrollment in a charter school established
25 under Article 27A of the School Code. Illinois State
26 University may also admit (i) applicants who did not have

1 an opportunity to complete the minimum college preparatory
2 curriculum in high school, and (ii) educationally
3 disadvantaged applicants who are admitted to the formal
4 organized special assistance programs that are tailored to
5 the needs of such students, providing that in either case,
6 the institution incorporates in the applicant's
7 baccalaureate curriculum courses or other academic
8 activities that compensate for course deficiencies; and

9 (3) except that up to 3 of 15 units of coursework
10 required by paragraph (1) of this subsection may be
11 distributed by deducting no more than one unit each from
12 the categories of social studies, mathematics, sciences
13 and electives and completing those 3 units in any of the 5
14 categories of coursework described in paragraph (1).

15 Notwithstanding any other rulemaking authority that may
16 exist, neither the Governor or University nor any agency or
17 agency head under the jurisdiction of the Governor has any
18 authority to make or promulgate rules to implement or enforce
19 the provisions of this amendatory Act of the 95th General
20 Assembly. If, however, the Governor or University believes that
21 rules are necessary to implement or enforce the provisions of
22 this amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly, the Governor
23 or University may suggest rules to the General Assembly by
24 filing them with the Clerk of the House and the Secretary of
25 the Senate and by requesting that the General Assembly
26 authorize such rulemaking by law, enact those suggested rules

1 into law, or take any other appropriate action in the General
2 Assembly's discretion. Nothing contained in this amendatory
3 Act of the 95th General Assembly shall be interpreted to grant
4 rulemaking authority under any other Illinois statute where
5 such authority is not otherwise explicitly given. For the
6 purposes of this amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly,
7 "rules" is given the meaning contained in Section 1-70 of the
8 Illinois Administrative Procedure Act, and "agency" and
9 "agency head" are given the meanings contained in Sections 1-20
10 and 1-25 of the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act to the
11 extent that such definitions apply to agencies or agency heads
12 under the jurisdiction of the Governor.

13 (b) When allocating funds, local boards of education shall
14 recognize their obligation to their students to offer the
15 coursework required by subsection (a).

16 (c) A student who has graduated from high school and has
17 scored within the University's accepted range on the ACT or SAT
18 shall not be required to take the high school level General
19 Educational Development (GED) Test as a prerequisite to
20 admission.

21 (Source: P.A. 91-374, eff. 7-30-99.)

22 (110 ILCS 675/20-140 new)

23 Sec. 20-140. American Sign Language courses. The
24 University shall award academic credit for the successful
25 completion of any American Sign Language course offered or

1 approved by the University, which may be applied toward the
2 satisfaction of the foreign language requirements of the
3 University, except for those requirements related to the
4 content of a student's academic major. Notwithstanding any
5 other rulemaking authority that may exist, neither the Governor
6 or University nor any agency or agency head under the
7 jurisdiction of the Governor has any authority to make or
8 promulgate rules to implement or enforce the provisions of this
9 amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly. If, however, the
10 Governor or University believes that rules are necessary to
11 implement or enforce the provisions of this amendatory Act of
12 the 95th General Assembly, the Governor or University may
13 suggest rules to the General Assembly by filing them with the
14 Clerk of the House and the Secretary of the Senate and by
15 requesting that the General Assembly authorize such rulemaking
16 by law, enact those suggested rules into law, or take any other
17 appropriate action in the General Assembly's discretion.
18 Nothing contained in this amendatory Act of the 95th General
19 Assembly shall be interpreted to grant rulemaking authority
20 under any other Illinois statute where such authority is not
21 otherwise explicitly given. For the purposes of this amendatory
22 Act of the 95th General Assembly, "rules" is given the meaning
23 contained in Section 1-70 of the Illinois Administrative
24 Procedure Act, and "agency" and "agency head" are given the
25 meanings contained in Sections 1-20 and 1-25 of the Illinois
26 Administrative Procedure Act to the extent that such

1 definitions apply to agencies or agency heads under the
2 jurisdiction of the Governor.

3 Section 40. The Northeastern Illinois University Law is
4 amended by changing Section 25-85 and by adding Section 25-135
5 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 680/25-85)

7 Sec. 25-85. Admission requirements.

8 (a) No new student shall be admitted to instruction in any
9 of the departments or colleges of the Northeastern Illinois
10 University unless such student also has satisfactorily
11 completed:

12 (1) at least 15 units of high school coursework from
13 the following 5 categories:

14 (A) 4 years of English (emphasizing written and
15 oral communications and literature), of which up to 2
16 years may be collegiate level instruction;

17 (B) 3 years of social studies (emphasizing history
18 and government);

19 (C) 3 years of mathematics (introductory through
20 advanced algebra, geometry, trigonometry, or
21 fundamentals of computer programming);

22 (D) 3 years of science (laboratory sciences); and

23 (E) 2 years of electives in foreign language, which
24 shall be deemed to include American Sign Language,

1 music, vocational education or art;

2 (2) except that Northeastern Illinois University may
3 admit individual applicants if it determines through
4 assessment or through evaluation based on learning
5 outcomes of the coursework taken, including vocational
6 education courses and courses taken in a charter school
7 established under Article 27A of the School Code, that the
8 applicant demonstrates knowledge and skills substantially
9 equivalent to the knowledge and skills expected to be
10 acquired in the high school courses required for admission.
11 The Board of Trustees of Northeastern Illinois University
12 shall not discriminate in the University's admissions
13 process against an applicant for admission because of the
14 applicant's enrollment in a charter school established
15 under Article 27A of the School Code. Northeastern Illinois
16 University may also admit (i) applicants who did not have
17 an opportunity to complete the minimum college preparatory
18 curriculum in high school, and (ii) educationally
19 disadvantaged applicants who are admitted to the formal
20 organized special assistance programs that are tailored to
21 the needs of such students, providing that in either case,
22 the institution incorporates in the applicant's
23 baccalaureate curriculum courses or other academic
24 activities that compensate for course deficiencies; and

25 (3) except that up to 3 of 15 units of coursework
26 required by paragraph (1) of this subsection may be

1 distributed by deducting no more than one unit each from
2 the categories of social studies, mathematics, sciences
3 and electives and completing those 3 units in any of the 5
4 categories of coursework described in paragraph (1).

5 Notwithstanding any other rulemaking authority that may
6 exist, neither the Governor nor any agency or agency head under
7 the jurisdiction of the Governor has any authority to make or
8 promulgate rules to implement or enforce the provisions of this
9 amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly. If, however, the
10 Governor believes that rules are necessary to implement or
11 enforce the provisions of this amendatory Act of the 95th
12 General Assembly, the Governor may suggest rules to the General
13 Assembly by filing them with the Clerk of the House and the
14 Secretary of the Senate and by requesting that the General
15 Assembly authorize such rulemaking by law, enact those
16 suggested rules into law, or take any other appropriate action
17 in the General Assembly's discretion. Nothing contained in this
18 amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly shall be
19 interpreted to grant rulemaking authority under any other
20 Illinois statute where such authority is not otherwise
21 explicitly given. For the purposes of this amendatory Act of
22 the 95th General Assembly, "rules" is given the meaning
23 contained in Section 1-70 of the Illinois Administrative
24 Procedure Act, and "agency" and "agency head" are given the
25 meanings contained in Sections 1-20 and 1-25 of the Illinois
26 Administrative Procedure Act to the extent that such

1 definitions apply to agencies or agency heads under the
2 jurisdiction of the Governor.

3 (b) When allocating funds, local boards of education shall
4 recognize their obligation to their students to offer the
5 coursework required by subsection (a).

6 (c) A student who has graduated from high school and has
7 scored within the University's accepted range on the ACT or SAT
8 shall not be required to take the high school level General
9 Educational Development (GED) Test as a prerequisite to
10 admission.

11 (Source: P.A. 91-374, eff. 7-30-99.)

12 (110 ILCS 680/25-135 new)

13 Sec. 25-135. American Sign Language courses. The
14 University shall award academic credit for the successful
15 completion of any American Sign Language course offered or
16 approved by the University, which may be applied toward the
17 satisfaction of the foreign language requirements of the
18 University, except for those requirements related to the
19 content of a student's academic major. Notwithstanding any
20 other rulemaking authority that may exist, neither the Governor
21 or University nor any agency or agency head under the
22 jurisdiction of the Governor has any authority to make or
23 promulgate rules to implement or enforce the provisions of this
24 amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly. If, however, the
25 Governor or University believes that rules are necessary to

1 implement or enforce the provisions of this amendatory Act of
2 the 95th General Assembly, the Governor or University may
3 suggest rules to the General Assembly by filing them with the
4 Clerk of the House and the Secretary of the Senate and by
5 requesting that the General Assembly authorize such rulemaking
6 by law, enact those suggested rules into law, or take any other
7 appropriate action in the General Assembly's discretion.
8 Nothing contained in this amendatory Act of the 95th General
9 Assembly shall be interpreted to grant rulemaking authority
10 under any other Illinois statute where such authority is not
11 otherwise explicitly given. For the purposes of this amendatory
12 Act of the 95th General Assembly, "rules" is given the meaning
13 contained in Section 1-70 of the Illinois Administrative
14 Procedure Act, and "agency" and "agency head" are given the
15 meanings contained in Sections 1-20 and 1-25 of the Illinois
16 Administrative Procedure Act to the extent that such
17 definitions apply to agencies or agency heads under the
18 jurisdiction of the Governor.

19 Section 45. The Northern Illinois University Law is amended
20 by changing Section 30-85 and by adding Section 30-145 as
21 follows:

22 (110 ILCS 685/30-85)

23 Sec. 30-85. Admission requirements.

24 (a) No new student shall be admitted to instruction in any

1 of the departments or colleges of the Northern Illinois
2 University unless such student also has satisfactorily
3 completed:

4 (1) at least 15 units of high school coursework from
5 the following 5 categories:

6 (A) 4 years of English (emphasizing written and
7 oral communications and literature), of which up to 2
8 years may be collegiate level instruction;

9 (B) 3 years of social studies (emphasizing history
10 and government);

11 (C) 3 years of mathematics (introductory through
12 advanced algebra, geometry, trigonometry, or
13 fundamentals of computer programming);

14 (D) 3 years of science (laboratory sciences); and

15 (E) 2 years of electives in foreign language, which
16 shall be deemed to include American Sign Language,
17 music, vocational education or art;

18 (2) except that Northern Illinois University may admit
19 individual applicants if it determines through assessment
20 or through evaluation based on learning outcomes of the
21 coursework taken, including vocational education courses
22 and courses taken in a charter school established under
23 Article 27A of the School Code, that the applicant
24 demonstrates knowledge and skills substantially equivalent
25 to the knowledge and skills expected to be acquired in the
26 high school courses required for admission. The Board of

1 Trustees of Northern Illinois University shall not
2 discriminate in the University's admissions process
3 against an applicant for admission because of the
4 applicant's enrollment in a charter school established
5 under Article 27A of the School Code. Northern Illinois
6 University may also admit (i) applicants who did not have
7 an opportunity to complete the minimum college preparatory
8 curriculum in high school, and (ii) educationally
9 disadvantaged applicants who are admitted to the formal
10 organized special assistance programs that are tailored to
11 the needs of such students, providing that in either case,
12 the institution incorporates in the applicant's
13 baccalaureate curriculum courses or other academic
14 activities that compensate for course deficiencies; and

15 (3) except that up to 3 of 15 units of coursework
16 required by paragraph (1) of this subsection may be
17 distributed by deducting no more than one unit each from
18 the categories of social studies, mathematics, sciences
19 and electives and completing those 3 units in any of the 5
20 categories of coursework described in paragraph (1).

21 Notwithstanding any other rulemaking authority that may
22 exist, neither the Governor or University nor any agency or
23 agency head under the jurisdiction of the Governor has any
24 authority to make or promulgate rules to implement or enforce
25 the provisions of this amendatory Act of the 95th General
26 Assembly. If, however, the Governor or University believes that

1 rules are necessary to implement or enforce the provisions of
2 this amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly, the Governor
3 or University may suggest rules to the General Assembly by
4 filing them with the Clerk of the House and the Secretary of
5 the Senate and by requesting that the General Assembly
6 authorize such rulemaking by law, enact those suggested rules
7 into law, or take any other appropriate action in the General
8 Assembly's discretion. Nothing contained in this amendatory
9 Act of the 95th General Assembly shall be interpreted to grant
10 rulemaking authority under any other Illinois statute where
11 such authority is not otherwise explicitly given. For the
12 purposes of this amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly,
13 "rules" is given the meaning contained in Section 1-70 of the
14 Illinois Administrative Procedure Act, and "agency" and
15 "agency head" are given the meanings contained in Sections 1-20
16 and 1-25 of the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act to the
17 extent that such definitions apply to agencies or agency heads
18 under the jurisdiction of the Governor.

19 (b) When allocating funds, local boards of education shall
20 recognize their obligation to their students to offer the
21 coursework required by subsection (a).

22 (c) A student who has graduated from high school and has
23 scored within the University's accepted range on the ACT or SAT
24 shall not be required to take the high school level General
25 Educational Development (GED) Test as a prerequisite to
26 admission.

1 (Source: P.A. 91-374, eff. 7-30-99.)

2 (110 ILCS 685/30-145 new)

3 Sec. 30-145. American Sign Language courses. The
4 University shall award academic credit for the successful
5 completion of any American Sign Language course offered or
6 approved by the University, which may be applied toward the
7 satisfaction of the foreign language requirements of the
8 University, except for those requirements related to the
9 content of a student's academic major. Notwithstanding any
10 other rulemaking authority that may exist, neither the Governor
11 or University nor any agency or agency head under the
12 jurisdiction of the Governor has any authority to make or
13 promulgate rules to implement or enforce the provisions of this
14 amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly. If, however, the
15 Governor or University believes that rules are necessary to
16 implement or enforce the provisions of this amendatory Act of
17 the 95th General Assembly, the Governor or University may
18 suggest rules to the General Assembly by filing them with the
19 Clerk of the House and the Secretary of the Senate and by
20 requesting that the General Assembly authorize such rulemaking
21 by law, enact those suggested rules into law, or take any other
22 appropriate action in the General Assembly's discretion.
23 Nothing contained in this amendatory Act of the 95th General
24 Assembly shall be interpreted to grant rulemaking authority
25 under any other Illinois statute where such authority is not

1 otherwise explicitly given. For the purposes of this amendatory
2 Act of the 95th General Assembly, "rules" is given the meaning
3 contained in Section 1-70 of the Illinois Administrative
4 Procedure Act, and "agency" and "agency head" are given the
5 meanings contained in Sections 1-20 and 1-25 of the Illinois
6 Administrative Procedure Act to the extent that such
7 definitions apply to agencies or agency heads under the
8 jurisdiction of the Governor.

9 Section 50. The Western Illinois University Law is amended
10 by changing Section 35-85 and by adding Section 35-140 as
11 follows:

12 (110 ILCS 690/35-85)

13 Sec. 35-85. Admission requirements.

14 (a) No new student shall be admitted to instruction in any
15 of the departments or colleges of the Western Illinois
16 University unless such student also has satisfactorily
17 completed:

18 (1) at least 15 units of high school coursework from
19 the following 5 categories:

20 (A) 4 years of English (emphasizing written and
21 oral communications and literature), of which up to 2
22 years may be collegiate level instruction;

23 (B) 3 years of social studies (emphasizing history
24 and government);

1 (C) 3 years of mathematics (introductory through
2 advanced algebra, geometry, trigonometry, or
3 fundamentals of computer programming);

4 (D) 3 years of science (laboratory sciences); and

5 (E) 2 years of electives in foreign language, which
6 shall be deemed to include American Sign Language,
7 music, vocational education or art;

8 (2) except that Western Illinois University may admit
9 individual applicants if it determines through assessment
10 or through evaluation based on learning outcomes of the
11 coursework taken, including vocational education courses
12 and courses taken in a charter school established under
13 Article 27A of the School Code, that the applicant
14 demonstrates knowledge and skills substantially equivalent
15 to the knowledge and skills expected to be acquired in the
16 high school courses required for admission. The Board of
17 Trustees of Western Illinois University shall not
18 discriminate in the University's admissions process
19 against an applicant for admission because of the
20 applicant's enrollment in a charter school established
21 under Article 27A of the School Code. Western Illinois
22 University may also admit (i) applicants who did not have
23 an opportunity to complete the minimum college preparatory
24 curriculum in high school, and (ii) educationally
25 disadvantaged applicants who are admitted to the formal
26 organized special assistance programs that are tailored to

1 the needs of such students, providing that in either case,
2 the institution incorporates in the applicant's
3 baccalaureate curriculum courses or other academic
4 activities that compensate for course deficiencies; and

5 (3) except that up to 3 of 15 units of coursework
6 required by paragraph (1) of this subsection may be
7 distributed by deducting no more than one unit each from
8 the categories of social studies, mathematics, sciences
9 and electives and completing those 3 units in any of the 5
10 categories of coursework described in paragraph (1).

11 Notwithstanding any other rulemaking authority that may
12 exist, neither the Governor or University nor any agency or
13 agency head under the jurisdiction of the Governor has any
14 authority to make or promulgate rules to implement or enforce
15 the provisions of this amendatory Act of the 95th General
16 Assembly. If, however, the Governor or University believes that
17 rules are necessary to implement or enforce the provisions of
18 this amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly, the Governor
19 or University may suggest rules to the General Assembly by
20 filing them with the Clerk of the House and the Secretary of
21 the Senate and by requesting that the General Assembly
22 authorize such rulemaking by law, enact those suggested rules
23 into law, or take any other appropriate action in the General
24 Assembly's discretion. Nothing contained in this amendatory
25 Act of the 95th General Assembly shall be interpreted to grant
26 rulemaking authority under any other Illinois statute where

1 such authority is not otherwise explicitly given. For the
2 purposes of this amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly,
3 "rules" is given the meaning contained in Section 1-70 of the
4 Illinois Administrative Procedure Act, and "agency" and
5 "agency head" are given the meanings contained in Sections 1-20
6 and 1-25 of the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act to the
7 extent that such definitions apply to agencies or agency heads
8 under the jurisdiction of the Governor.

9 (b) When allocating funds, local boards of education shall
10 recognize their obligation to their students to offer the
11 coursework required by subsection (a).

12 (c) A student who has graduated from high school and has
13 scored within the University's accepted range on the ACT or SAT
14 shall not be required to take the high school level General
15 Educational Development (GED) Test as a prerequisite to
16 admission.

17 (Source: P.A. 91-374, eff. 7-30-99.)

18 (110 ILCS 690/35-140 new)

19 Sec. 35-140. American Sign Language courses. The
20 University shall award academic credit for the successful
21 completion of any American Sign Language course offered or
22 approved by the University, which may be applied toward the
23 satisfaction of the foreign language requirements of the
24 University, except for those requirements related to the
25 content of a student's academic major. Notwithstanding any

1 other rulemaking authority that may exist, neither the Governor
2 or University nor any agency or agency head under the
3 jurisdiction of the Governor has any authority to make or
4 promulgate rules to implement or enforce the provisions of this
5 amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly. If, however, the
6 Governor or University believes that rules are necessary to
7 implement or enforce the provisions of this amendatory Act of
8 the 95th General Assembly, the Governor or University may
9 suggest rules to the General Assembly by filing them with the
10 Clerk of the House and the Secretary of the Senate and by
11 requesting that the General Assembly authorize such rulemaking
12 by law, enact those suggested rules into law, or take any other
13 appropriate action in the General Assembly's discretion.
14 Nothing contained in this amendatory Act of the 95th General
15 Assembly shall be interpreted to grant rulemaking authority
16 under any other Illinois statute where such authority is not
17 otherwise explicitly given. For the purposes of this amendatory
18 Act of the 95th General Assembly, "rules" is given the meaning
19 contained in Section 1-70 of the Illinois Administrative
20 Procedure Act, and "agency" and "agency head" are given the
21 meanings contained in Sections 1-20 and 1-25 of the Illinois
22 Administrative Procedure Act to the extent that such
23 definitions apply to agencies or agency heads under the
24 jurisdiction of the Governor.

25 Section 55. The Public Community College Act is amended by

1 adding Section 3-29.3 as follows:

2 (110 ILCS 805/3-29.3 new)

3 Sec. 3-29.3. American Sign Language courses. To adopt
4 regulations for the awarding of academic credit for the
5 successful completion of any American Sign Language course
6 offered or approved by a community college, which may be
7 applied toward the satisfaction of any foreign language
8 requirements of the community college, except for those
9 requirements related to the content of a student's academic
10 major. Notwithstanding any other rulemaking authority that may
11 exist, neither the Governor nor any agency or agency head under
12 the jurisdiction of the Governor has any authority to make or
13 promulgate rules to implement or enforce the provisions of this
14 amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly. If, however, the
15 Governor believes that rules are necessary to implement or
16 enforce the provisions of this amendatory Act of the 95th
17 General Assembly, the Governor may suggest rules to the General
18 Assembly by filing them with the Clerk of the House and the
19 Secretary of the Senate and by requesting that the General
20 Assembly authorize such rulemaking by law, enact those
21 suggested rules into law, or take any other appropriate action
22 in the General Assembly's discretion. Nothing contained in this
23 amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly shall be
24 interpreted to grant rulemaking authority under any other
25 Illinois statute where such authority is not otherwise

1 explicitly given. For the purposes of this amendatory Act of
2 the 95th General Assembly, "rules" is given the meaning
3 contained in Section 1-70 of the Illinois Administrative
4 Procedure Act, and "agency" and "agency head" are given the
5 meanings contained in Sections 1-20 and 1-25 of the Illinois
6 Administrative Procedure Act to the extent that such
7 definitions apply to agencies or agency heads under the
8 jurisdiction of the Governor.

9 Section 90. The State Mandates Act is amended by adding
10 Section 8.32 as follows:

11 (30 ILCS 805/8.32 new)

12 Sec. 8.32. Exempt mandate. Notwithstanding Sections 6 and 8
13 of this Act, no reimbursement by the State is required for the
14 implementation of any mandate created by this amendatory Act of
15 the 95th General Assembly.

1 INDEX

2 Statutes amended in order of appearance

3 105 ILCS 5/10-20.46 new

4 105 ILCS 5/34-18.37 new

5 110 ILCS 305/8 from Ch. 144, par. 29

6 110 ILCS 305/40 new

7 110 ILCS 520/8e from Ch. 144, par. 658e

8 110 ILCS 520/25 new

9 110 ILCS 660/5-85

10 110 ILCS 660/5-135 new

11 110 ILCS 665/10-85

12 110 ILCS 665/10-135 new

13 110 ILCS 670/15-85

14 110 ILCS 670/15-135 new

15 110 ILCS 675/20-85

16 110 ILCS 675/20-140 new

17 110 ILCS 680/25-85

18 110 ILCS 680/25-135 new

19 110 ILCS 685/30-85

20 110 ILCS 685/30-145 new

21 110 ILCS 690/35-85

22 110 ILCS 690/35-140 new

23 110 ILCS 805/3-29.3 new

24 30 ILCS 805/8.32 new